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Edward E. McNally, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Illinois, announced today that on November 9, 2005, **OLIN E. TWIGGS**, a/k/a “**Bucky**,” age 46, and **BRANDON W. HARRIS**, age 21, both of Mt. Vernon, Illinois, were named in a one count Indictment returned by a Federal Grand Jury sitting in Benton, Illinois.

TWIGGS and HARRIS were charged with conspiracy to manufacture fifty (50) grams or more of a mixture and substance containing methamphetamine.

Each defendant faces a penalty of 5-40 years imprisonment, a fine of up to \$2,000,000, and a term of supervised release of at least 4 years.

An indictment is a formal charge against a defendant. Under the law, a defendant is presumed to be innocent of a charge until proved guilty beyond a reasonable doubt to the satisfaction of a jury.

The investigation in this case was conducted by the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Joint Narcotics Unit of the Mt. Vernon Police Department and the Jefferson County Sheriff’s Department, and other state and local law enforcement authorities.

In addition, the Jefferson County States Attorney’s Office has participated throughout the investigation.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney George A. Norwood.